FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

For charges and expenses of injuries related to law enforcement activity, requires provider first to bill individual's insurance and responsible third party payer before billing Law Enforcement Medical Liability Account or local correctional facility.

Measure: SB 93 - A

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

House Bill 93 -1 amendment requires a provider to charge expenses resulting from injuries related to law enforcement activity to the individual, the individual's insurance and responsible third party payer before billing the Law Enforcement Medical Liability Account or local correctional facility.

Passage of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the Oregon Health Authority. Under current law, the Law Enforcement Medical Liability Account (LEMLA) reimburses medical providers for expenses incurred when injuries are sustained by an individual as a result of a law enforcement activity. This bill requires providers to first bill the individual and any financially responsible third party payer before billing LEMLA. Although in current practice the provider attempts to recoup costs from a financially responsible third party prior to submitting a claim to OHA, current law does not require the provider to do so. This bill codifies OHA's authority.

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